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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Representative Hannig in the chair.

Prayer by Pastor Michael Hurst with the New Horizon Christian Fellowship in Aurora, Illinois.

Representative Schock led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

By direction of the Speaker, a roll call was taken to ascertain the attendance of Members, as follows:

113 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Fritchey, Joyce, Patterson and Scully were excused from attendance.

### REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Giles, Chairperson, from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education to which the following were referred, action taken earlier today, and reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 4308.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 4308 is as follows:

16, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Giles, Calvin(D), Chairperson  
A Bassi, Suzanne(R)  
Y Chapa LaVia, Linda(D)  
Y Dugan, Lisa(D)  
Y Flider, Robert(D)  
Y Miller, David(D)  
Y Moffitt, Donald(R)  
Y Munson, Ruth(R)  
Y Pihos, Sandra(R)  
A Reis, David(R)  
Y Watson, Jim(R)

Y Davis, Monique(D), Vice-Chairperson  
Y Beiser, Daniel(D)  
Y Colvin, Marlow(D)  
Y Eddy, Roger(R)  
A Joyce, Kevin(D)  
Y Mitchell, Jerry(R), Republican Spokesperson  
A Mulligan, Rosemary(R)  
Y Osterman, Harry(D)  
Y Pritchard, Robert(R)  
A Smith, Michael(D)

Representative McAuliffe, Chairperson, from the Committee on Veterans Affairs to which the following were referred, action taken earlier today, and reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported “do pass as amended” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 4187.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 4187 is as follows:

12, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y McAuliffe, Michael(R), Chairperson  
Y Sommer, Keith(R), Republican Spokesperson  
Y Dugan, Lisa(D)  
Y Golar, Esther(D)  
Y Moffitt, Donald(R)  
Y Sacia, Jim(R)  
Y Verschoore, Patrick(D)

Y Chapa LaVia, Linda(D), Vice-Chairperson  
Y Bost, Mike(R)  
Y Flider, Robert(D)  
Y Meyer, James(R)  
Y Phelps, Brandon(D)  
A Schock, Aaron(R)

Representative Burke, Chairperson, from the Committee on Executive to which the following were referred, action taken earlier today, and reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 4192.

That the bill be reported “do pass as amended” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 1295.

The committee roll call vote on House Bills 1295 and 4192 is as follows:  
12, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Acevedo,Edward(D)	Y Berrios,Maria(D)
Y Biggins,Bob(R)	Y Bradley,Richard(D)
Y Burke,Daniel(D), Chairperson	Y Hassert,Brent(R)
A Jones,Lovana(D)	Y Kosel,Renee(R), Republican Spokesperson
Y Lyons,Joseph(D), Vice-Chairperson	Y McKeon,Larry(D)
Y Meyer,James(R)	Y Molaro,Robert(D)
Y Saviano,Angelo(R)	

## INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read by title a first time, ordered printed and placed in the Committee on Rules:

HOUSE BILL 4609. Introduced by Representatives Boland - Mitchell, Bill, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4610. Introduced by Representative Boland, AN ACT concerning elections.  
HOUSE BILL 4611. Introduced by Representative May, AN ACT concerning revenue.  
HOUSE BILL 4612. Introduced by Representative May, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4613. Introduced by Representative McCarthy, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4614. Introduced by Representative McCarthy, AN ACT concerning education.  
HOUSE BILL 4615. Introduced by Representative McCarthy, AN ACT concerning education.  
HOUSE BILL 4616. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4617. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4618. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4619. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4620. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning gaming.  
HOUSE BILL 4621. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning gaming.  
HOUSE BILL 4622. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4623. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4624. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning gaming.  
HOUSE BILL 4625. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4626. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4627. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4628. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4629. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4630. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4631. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4632. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4633. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning liquor.  
HOUSE BILL 4634. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning liquor.  
HOUSE BILL 4635. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4636. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4637. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4638. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4639. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4640. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4641. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4642. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.  
HOUSE BILL 4643. Introduced by Representative Jefferson, AN ACT concerning education.  
HOUSE BILL 4644. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning State government.  
HOUSE BILL 4645. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning revenue.  
HOUSE BILL 4646. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT in relation to taxes.  
HOUSE BILL 4647. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning revenue.  
HOUSE BILL 4648. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning revenue.

- HOUSE BILL 4649. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4650. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 4651. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4652. Introduced by Representative McCarthy, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 4653. Introduced by Representative Flider, AN ACT concerning insurance.
- HOUSE BILL 4654. Introduced by Representative Flider, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4655. Introduced by Representative Poe, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4656. Introduced by Representative Dunkin, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4657. Introduced by Representative Dunkin, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4658. Introduced by Representative Yarbrough, AN ACT making an appropriation.
- HOUSE BILL 4659. Introduced by Representative Hamos, AN ACT concerning civil law.
- HOUSE BILL 4660. Introduced by Representative Boland, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4661. Introduced by Representative Gordon, AN ACT concerning schools.
- HOUSE BILL 4662. Introduced by Representative Gordon, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 4663. Introduced by Representative McKeon, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4664. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4665. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 4666. Introduced by Representative Turner, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4667. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT concerning insurance.
- HOUSE BILL 4668. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4669. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT making appropriations.
- HOUSE BILL 4670. Introduced by Representatives Dugan - Gordon, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4671. Introduced by Representative Dunkin, AN ACT concerning elections.
- HOUSE BILL 4672. Introduced by Representative Dunkin, AN ACT concerning elections.
- HOUSE BILL 4673. Introduced by Representative Jakobsson, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4674. Introduced by Representative Jakobsson, AN ACT concerning appropriations.
- HOUSE BILL 4675. Introduced by Representative Howard, AN ACT concerning adoption.
- HOUSE BILL 4676. Introduced by Representative Hamos, AN ACT in relation to aging.
- HOUSE BILL 4677. Introduced by Representative Dunkin, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4678. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning lending practices.
- HOUSE BILL 4679. Introduced by Representative Jenisch, AN ACT concerning civil law.
- HOUSE BILL 4680. Introduced by Representative Jenisch, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4681. Introduced by Representative Jenisch, AN ACT concerning civil law.
- HOUSE BILL 4682. Introduced by Representative McAuliffe, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4683. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning vehicles.
- HOUSE BILL 4684. Introduced by Representative Brauer, AN ACT concerning taxes.
- HOUSE BILL 4685. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4686. Introduced by Representative Colvin, An ACT concerning legal document preparers.
- HOUSE BILL 4687. Introduced by Representatives Colvin - Yarbrough, AN ACT concerning business.
- HOUSE BILL 4688. Introduced by Representative Colvin, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4689. Introduced by Representative Giles, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4690. Introduced by Representative Giles, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4691. Introduced by Representative Giles, AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4692. Introduced by Representative Giles, AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4693. Introduced by Representative Graham, AN ACT concerning firearms.
- HOUSE BILL 4694. Introduced by Representative Graham, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4695. Introduced by Representative Delgado, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4696. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 4697. Introduced by Representative Eddy, AN ACT concerning education.

- HOUSE BILL 4698. Introduced by Representative Osterman, AN ACT concerning public aid.
- HOUSE BILL 4699. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4700. Introduced by Representative Kelly, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4701. Introduced by Representatives Eddy - Reis, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4702. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning appropriations.
- HOUSE BILL 4703. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning military personnel.
- HOUSE BILL 4704. Introduced by Representative D'Amico, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4705. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4706. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4707. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4708. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4709. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4710. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning veterans.
- HOUSE BILL 4711. Introduced by Representatives Chapa LaVia - Chavez - Jefferson - Berrios, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4712. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 4713. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning aging.
- HOUSE BILL 4714. Introduced by Representatives Younge - Reitz - Holbrook, AN ACT concerning safety.
- HOUSE BILL 4715. Introduced by Representative Kelly, AN ACT concerning housing.
- HOUSE BILL 4716. Introduced by Representative Hultgren, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4717. Introduced by Representative Hultgren, AN ACT concerning driving offenses.
- HOUSE BILL 4718. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4719. Introduced by Representative Acevedo, AN ACT concerning business.
- HOUSE BILL 4720. Introduced by Representative Currie, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4721. Introduced by Representative Currie, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 4722. Introduced by Representative Kosel, AN ACT concerning schools.
- HOUSE BILL 4723. Introduced by Representative Davis, Monique, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 4724. Introduced by Representative Jones, AN ACT concerning business.
- HOUSE BILL 4725. Introduced by Representative Jones, AN ACT concerning liquor.
- HOUSE BILL 4726. Introduced by Representative Jones, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4727. Introduced by Representative Golar, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4728. Introduced by Representative McGuire, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4729. Introduced by Representative Hannig, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 4730. Introduced by Representative Dunn, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4731. Introduced by Representative Osmond, AN ACT concerning business.
- HOUSE BILL 4732. Introduced by Representative Dunn, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4733. Introduced by Representative Moffitt, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4734. Introduced by Representative Mitchell, Bill, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4735. Introduced by Representative Tryon, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4736. Introduced by Representative Mendoza, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4737. Introduced by Representative Bradley, John, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4738. Introduced by Representative Bradley, John, AN ACT concerning firearms.
- HOUSE BILL 4739. Introduced by Representative Golar, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4740. Introduced by Representative Golar, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 4741. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4742. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

## RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed in the Committee on Rules.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 801

Offered by Representative Colvin:

WHEREAS, Following the Civil War, Congress adopted the Thirteenth Amendment abolishing slavery, the Fourteenth Amendment establishing the citizenship rights of all persons born in the United States and requiring that no one be denied due process or equal protection of the laws, and the Fifteenth Amendment securing the right to vote for all citizens regardless of a person's race, color, or former condition of servitude; and

WHEREAS, Despite the enactment of these significant constitutional commands, for nearly 100 years, states and local jurisdictions passed laws and instituted practices designed to circumvent the Civil War amendments; many states erected barriers to African-Americans' access to the polls, including infamous poll taxes and literacy or good character tests; African Americans and those who advocated on their behalf often were subjected to severe violence and intimidation, or in some cases death, if they attempted to register to vote or cast a ballot; and

WHEREAS, Confronted with aggressive and relentless defiance of the Constitution, Congress enacted the Voting Rights Act of 1965 in order to ensure that the rights guaranteed by the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments were enforced; and

WHEREAS, The Voting Rights Act of 1965 is widely viewed as one of the most successful civil rights statutes ever enacted; it bans literacy tests and poll taxes, outlaws intimidation during the electoral process, authorizes federal election monitors and observers, and creates various means for protecting and enforcing racial and language minority voting rights; and

WHEREAS, Although the struggle to ensure fairness in the electoral process continues, as a result of the Voting Rights Act racial and language minorities have enjoyed enhanced opportunities to participate in the electoral process, cast votes, and elect their candidates of choice; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, certain "special provisions" of the Voting Rights Act that were enacted to address discriminatory voting practices and the present effects of those practices could expire if not renewed by Congress; and

WHEREAS, These provisions include:

Section 2: This provision equips voters with the means to challenge election laws that result in a denial or abridgement of voting rights on account of race, color, or language minority status;

Section 4: The coverage provision, which determines which states and jurisdictions must seek Section 5 pre-clearance; the coverage formula reaches states and jurisdictions with some of the most active histories of discrimination;

Section 5: The federal pre-clearance of voting changes provisions, which requires covered jurisdictions to prove that voting changes are not discriminatory before they may legally take effect;

Sections 6-9: The Federal Examiner/Observer provisions, which set forth criteria for election monitoring by the Department of Justice; and

Section 203: The bilingual voting materials provisions, which mandate that certain voting materials must be translated for language minorities in certain jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, By 2007, Congress will vote on whether to extend these "special provisions" of the Voting Rights Act; the effects of the long history of voting discrimination persist; the "special provisions" of the Voting Rights Act continue to be extremely important tools for protecting minority voting; during the reauthorization process, Congress will compile a record that sets forth the continuing effects of the nation's widespread voting discrimination; and

WHEREAS, During the reauthorization process, Congress and individuals and organizations concerned with maintaining the protections that the Voting Rights Act of 1965 provides will have an opportunity to present the evidence necessary to support renewal of the "special provisions" of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; in the meantime, all eligible voters should register, confirm their registration status, and exercise the right to vote so that the long struggle to expand the franchise yields meaningful results; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Congress to reauthorize the "special provisions" of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois will collaborate with the NAACP to ensure the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 806

Offered by Representative Chapa LaVia:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois recognize the dedication and efforts of the March of Dimes Illinois Chapter and its volunteers who for over 67 years have been fighting for the health and well-being of America's children and are now taking on the problem of premature births; and

WHEREAS, More than a half million babies were born too soon in the United States last year, according to preliminary data released by the National Center for Health Statistics, and approximately 12.5% of all babies - about 508,000 - were born prematurely (less than 37 completed weeks gestation) in 2004, according to "Preliminary Births for 2004: Infant and Maternal Health" released by the March of Dimes during its Third Annual National "Prematurity Awareness Day"; and

WHEREAS, The March of Dimes Illinois Chapter has made a difference in the lives of over 22,000 premature babies annually born in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The March of Dimes Illinois Chapter is recognized for its programs to improve prematurity risk detection and prevent preterm births; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to the research and education programs funded by the March of Dimes, every premature baby born has an increased chance for survival; and

WHEREAS, The March of Dimes Illinois Chapter serves as a resource for information about healthy pregnancies and premature births; and

WHEREAS, The March of Dimes Illinois Chapter works to increase awareness of the risk factors associated with premature birth such as smoking, drinking, and substance use; and

WHEREAS, The March of Dimes Illinois Chapter has successfully advocated to expand access to health coverage for pregnant women, infants, and children; and

WHEREAS, The March of Dimes annually promotes November as "Prematurity Awareness Month" and November 15 as "Prematurity Awareness Day" to recognize the serious crisis of premature birth; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we do hereby proclaim November 15, 2006, as Premature Birth Awareness Day in Illinois and encourage all citizens to be cognizant of the many wonderful and lifesaving services the March of Dimes Illinois Chapter provides to the people of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the March of Dimes Illinois Chapter as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 812

Offered by Representative Dunn:

WHEREAS, The City of Naperville has implemented a database to identify persons with disabilities and their prospective issues regarding emergency assistance in conjunction with Illinois' 911 emergency assistance line; and

WHEREAS, The City of Naperville has adopted the Medical Emergency and Disability Information on Computer program (MEDIC); this database tracks pertinent information about citizens who may require special consideration in emergencies; prior to arrival on the scene, this program allows the 9-1-1 emergency operators to alert emergency medical personnel of any life-threatening medical conditions or fire and police personnel of persons with disabilities who may require special assistance during an emergency; and

WHEREAS, The database is compiled and updated by local fire districts upon the specific request of those citizens with a physical or mental disability within their areas of concern; and

WHEREAS, The information is provided to the 9-1-1 emergency response program with local obligation; and

WHEREAS, The database is updated by the local fire districts on a yearly basis with immediate updates concerning a change in a citizen's situation as well; and

WHEREAS, The success of the MEDIC program within the City of Naperville should be recognized;



implementation of a program such as this should be seriously examined by other local governments; and

WHEREAS, Local first responders' understanding of their surroundings during an emergency response greatly improves the chances of citizen safety; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, those in the community who are in need of special assistance, especially the senior citizens and persons with disabilities, deserve the best protection and emergency awareness that the first responders and communities can provide; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize and support statewide awareness of the MEDIC program and its potential for saving lives, not only in the City of Naperville, but throughout the State of Illinois.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 813

Offered by Representative Miller:

WHEREAS, Nurse anesthetists have a long standing history as pioneers in the field of anesthesia, providing anesthesia since 1877; and

WHEREAS, Nurse anesthetists were the first professional group to provide anesthesia in the United States and are the oldest recognized group of advanced practice registered nursing specialists; and

WHEREAS, These specially trained registered nurses have completed a graduate-level educational program in a nationally accredited program of nurse anesthesia and after graduation are qualified to take the national certifying examination; and

WHEREAS, Graduates who successfully pass the examination can use the title Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), and in addition, all graduates of nurse anesthesia programs in Illinois now receive a master's degree upon completion of the rigorous academic and clinical curriculum; and

WHEREAS, According to the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, more than 65 percent of all rural hospitals rely on CRNAs to provide anesthesia care, and without these advanced practice nurses, some 1,500 facilities would be unable to maintain trauma stabilization, surgical, and obstetrical capabilities, forcing many rural Americans to travel long distances for such services; and

WHEREAS, Each year CRNAs working in hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, physician's offices, and the medical facilities of the United States military, veteran's administration, and public health service, administer 65 percent of the 26 million anesthetics given to patients in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Over 1,200 CRNAs provide the highest quality patient anesthesia care in Illinois; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the period of January 22 - 28, 2006, be recognized as Nurse Anesthetists Week in Illinois to honor the importance of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and their role in providing accessible quality health care in Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists as an expression of our esteem.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 75

Offered by Representative Colvin:

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, reported that 1,498,000 children had a parent in prison in 1999, an increase of more than 500,000 since 1991; in that study, 46% of the parents reported living with their children prior to incarceration; the survey estimated that 336,300 U.S. households with minor children are affected by the imprisonment of a resident parent; and

WHEREAS, As the new millennium advances, the plight of children impacted by parental incarceration is among the most pervasive problems challenging correction policymakers and child welfare advocates; research results show that when a parent is incarcerated, the lives of their children are disrupted by separation from parents, severance from siblings, and displacement to different caregivers, a large number placed in foster care; and

WHEREAS, About 80% of the roughly 2,800 women locked up in Illinois are mothers; and

WHEREAS, Studies show that the more contact parents have with their children, the less likely they are to reenter the penal system and the less likely their children are to be involved in delinquent behaviors; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services is responsible for the care and maintenance of hundreds of children whose parents are incarcerated in Illinois Department of Corrections facilities; and

WHEREAS, The importance of parent/child visitation is acknowledged by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services in its rules (89 Ill. Adm. Code 301.210(a)) which provide: "The Department recognizes that there is a strong correlation between regular parental visits and contacts with a child and the child's discharge from placement services"; and

WHEREAS, The locations of the State's penal facilities often create logistical obstacles, preventing frequent in-person contacts between these children and their incarcerated parents, as a result, these children are often restricted to 4 visits a year, or less, although State officials recognize that more frequent contacts would be in the children's best interests; and

WHEREAS, It would be in the best interests of many children of incarcerated parents to be able to visit at least monthly with their parents by way of video conferencing at the offices of Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the child welfare agencies; and

WHEREAS, While video conferencing is not a substitute for actual face to face visitation, when used as a tool to bridge the distance and time until the next physical visit, it can be extremely beneficial and will nurture parent-child relationships, however, the availability of video-conferencing should in no way reduce or limit the child's opportunity to have in person visitation with the parent, but should supplement that in person contact; and

WHEREAS, Through the use of high speed Internet services, the costs related to video conferencing have been greatly reduced; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Corrections and the Women's Treatment Center sponsor a program called "Parent and Child Together" (PACT), a small video conferencing program which allows about 100 incarcerated women at the Decatur Correctional Center to "visit" with their children 180 miles away in a networked Chicago office; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Corrections has concluded that this program has been a success; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the Illinois Department of Corrections shall jointly prepare a report as to the costs and feasibility of providing monthly video conferencing visitation to appropriate children in State care, whose parents are incarcerated in facilities of the Illinois Department of Corrections, where there is a judicial finding that video conference visitation, as supplement to in person visitation, would be in the child's best interests; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the Illinois Department of Corrections shall present the report to the General Assembly no later than October 1, 2006; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Director of Children and Family Services and the Director of Corrections.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 76

Offered by Representative Acevedo:

WHEREAS, Members of the House and the Senate are aware of the illegal sale of false forms of identification, such as fraudulent driver's licenses, green cards, State identification cards, social security cards, and matricula cards; and

WHEREAS, These illegal sales cause major problems for businesses in this State, as well as for federal, State, and local governmental agencies; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the False Identification Task Force is created, to consist of 12 members appointed as follows: one member of the Senate, to serve as co-chair, appointed by the Senate President; one member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Minority Leader; one member of the House, to serve as co-chair, appointed by the Speaker of the

House; one member of the House appointed by the House Minority leader; and 8 additional members, of whom one member is to be appointed by each of the following officials: the Governor; the Secretary of State; the Attorney General; the State's Attorney of Cook County; the Director of the U.S. Office of Citizenship and Immigration Services; the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security; the Commissioner of the Chicago Police Department; and the Director of the Illinois Department of State Police; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall study the problem of the illegal sale of false forms of identification and shall determine the most effective methods for combating these illegal sales; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2006; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to the following officials: the Governor; the Secretary of State; the Attorney General; the State's Attorney of Cook County; the Director of the U.S. Office of Citizenship and Immigration Services; the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security; the Commissioner of the Chicago Police Department; and the Director of the Illinois Department of State Police.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 77

Offered by Representative Fritchey:

WHEREAS, Healthy people and healthy communities are the centerpiece of any strong and vibrant society; and

WHEREAS, Americans from the State of Illinois are amongst the most generous people in the world; and

WHEREAS, ONE billion people live on less than \$1 a day; and

WHEREAS, ONE: The Campaign to Make Poverty History is a new effort by Americans to rally Americans - ONE by ONE - to fight the emergency of global AIDS and extreme poverty; and

WHEREAS, ONE is students and ministers, punk rockers and NASCAR moms, Americans of all beliefs and persuasions, united as ONE to help make poverty history; and

WHEREAS, ONE believes that allocating an additional ONE percent of the U.S. budget toward providing basic needs like health, education, clean water, and food would transform the futures and hopes of an entire generation in the world's poorest countries; and

WHEREAS, ONE also calls for debt cancellation, trade reform, and anti-corruption measures in a comprehensive package to help Africa and the poorest nations beat AIDS and extreme poverty; and

WHEREAS, A pact directing support for basic needs - education, health, clean water, food, and care for orphans - would transform the futures and hopes of an entire generation in the poorest countries; and

WHEREAS, ONE is an unprecedented bipartisan political movement in American history and part of a fast-growing global movement to make poverty history; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we proclaim our community to be A State of ONE in Illinois and encourage everyone to recognize the devastating impact poverty and AIDS have had around the world and take action to bring about change.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 79

Offered by Representative Granberg:

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we request that the State Board of Education conduct a feasibility study on transferring the Illinois High School Association's powers and duties to the State Board of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education report its findings and recommendations concerning this study to the House and the Senate by filing copies of its report with the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate on or before March 13, 2006; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the State Board of Education.

## **AGREED RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions were offered and placed on the Calendar on the order of Agreed Resolutions.

### **HOUSE RESOLUTION 799**

Offered by Representative May:

WHEREAS, On December 4, 2005, Zion Lutheran Church celebrated fifty years in the Village of Deerfield; a festival worship service was held with Bishop Paul R. Landahl of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America preaching; in honor of the occasion, the Village Board of Deerfield proclaimed December 4 as "Zion Lutheran Church Day in Deerfield"; and

WHEREAS, Zion Lutheran Church was founded in 1874 in Highwood, Illinois; a small group of 22 adults held the first worship service on the First Sunday in Advent under the leadership of Pastor Erland Carlsson; they met in homes until 1886, when the first church building was erected; and

WHEREAS, The congregation could not expand its facilities where it was located, and after much research, purchased nearly eight acres at its present location in Deerfield in 1954; the final worship service was held in Highwood on December 4, 1955, and the first service in the newly completed building in Deerfield was held on December 11, 1955; the parsonage, located on the church property, was completed in 1956; the congregation has expanded and renovated its building many times over the past 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Contributing to the well-being of the community has always been an important activity for the members of Zion; they have taken on numerous and varied projects of service over the years; most recently Zion, with the assistance of Holy Cross of Deerfield and B'nai Torah of Highland Park, founded Southeast Lake County Faith in Action, an inter-faith program providing volunteers to assist people to remain in their homes; and

WHEREAS, Zion's current Pastor is the Reverend Mark A. Lund; he has served the congregation for the past four years; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Zion Lutheran Church on the occasion of the celebration of 50 years in the Village of Deerfield; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Zion Lutheran Church as expression of our esteem and with best wishes for the future.

### **HOUSE RESOLUTION 800**

Offered by Representative Joseph Lyons:

WHEREAS, With the beginning of the Spring Legislative Session of 2006, the Capitol faces the end of an era; and

WHEREAS, Mal Hildebrand, Acting Director of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, previously the Legislative Space Needs Commission, has announced his retirement, effective January 12, 2006, after 36 years of service to the State of Illinois and 31 years with that agency; and

WHEREAS, Director Hildebrand was born in Springfield on August 12, 1943; he was educated in Springfield Public Schools, graduating from Springfield High School and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale; throughout his student experience, he was active in numerous student government and fraternal affairs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hildebrand was appointed Assistant Director of the Legislative Space Needs Commission in 1975, Acting Director in January of 1977, and Executive Director in March of 1977; in this capacity, he had the responsibility to oversee and administer the statutory responsibilities of the Commission which functioned to purchase land for the Capitol Complex in conjunction with the master plan in Springfield; to develop plans and specifications for those facilities; allocate space in the State owned buildings for the use of the legislature and other agencies; and to review and approve all contracts for the repair, rehabilitation, construction, or alteration of all State buildings in the Capitol Complex in Springfield, including all tunnels, power, and heating plants, and the surrounding grounds; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, many acres of land were purchased for future development; a new State library, centralized computer facility, revenue building, and tourist center were built; a building for the Fourth District Appellate Court was restored; an underground electrical distribution system was designed and constructed; the State Power Plant was renovated; and two major parking structures were built; and

WHEREAS, In addition, during his years as director, the employees pay parking legislation was drafted and implemented; two master plans were developed; two major church complexes were purchased; and two Capitol building restoration programs and many other projects were completed; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his long service, the Office of the Architect of the Capitol and its predecessor, the Legislative Space Needs Commission, handled thousands of contracts, change orders, and modifications that represented hundreds of millions of dollars with none of them ever found to be in default; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his work with the Legislative Space Needs Commission, he served as Chief Building Manager for the Office of Secretary of State - Department of Physical Services; and

WHEREAS, He is married to Sally and they have two sons, one daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren; he and his family attend Westminster Presbyterian Church, where he has served on both the Board of Elders and Board of Deacons and has been active on numerous other church committees; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we applaud Mal Hildebrand for his many years of service to the citizens of this State and to the legislature, and we extend to him our most sincere best wishes for the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Director Hildebrand as an expression of our admiration and esteem.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 802

Offered by Representative Jerry Mitchell:

WHEREAS, Raynor Garage Doors, located in Dixon, was recently honored as the Illinois Family Business of the Year by the Loyola University Chicago Family Business Center; the 61-year-old company won the award in the large business category for companies having 250 or more employees; the award recognizes Illinois-based family businesses that demonstrate a strong commitment to both business and family; and

WHEREAS, Raynor Garage Door employs over 800 people; among the factors considered for the award were positive family/business linkage, multi-generational family business involvement, contributions to industry and community, and innovative family business practices and strategies; and

WHEREAS, Raynor Garage Doors began in 1944 in Quincy, when Bill Norberg and Ray Neisewander began manufacturing sectional overhead-type garage doors; the company moved to Dixon in 1946; today, Raynor has 600 independent distributors throughout the United States, Canada, and 60 other countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of this honor, Dixon Mayor Jim Burke signed a proclamation declaring December 8th as "Raynor Garage Door Day"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Raynor Garage Doors of Dixon on being named Illinois Family Business of the Year by the Loyola University Chicago Family Business Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Raynor Garage Doors as an expression of our esteem.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 803

Offered by Representative Phelps:

WHEREAS, Amy Oxford of Harrisburg and her mother, Kathy Williams of Eldorado, began the Southern Illinois Yellow Ribbon Campaign on March 19, 2003; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Illinois Yellow Ribbon Campaign is dedicated to filling the needs and wants of overseas military personnel and their families by sending personalized care packages, cards, and letters; and

WHEREAS, The organization serves as a clearinghouse for those who want to send care packages to the troops; each box is packed according to individual wants and needs that service members indicate on questionnaires provided in initial welcome packages; and

WHEREAS, The large number of requests for care packages convinced the leaders of the Southern Illinois Yellow Ribbon Campaign to grow into a national effort; and

WHEREAS, The Campaign has received requests from over 2,500 troops serving overseas for care packages containing their favorite foods, phone cards, toiletries, and other items; and

WHEREAS, Funds for the care packages and postage are procured through fundraising efforts such as the "Holiday Hugs for Our Heroes" Christmas fundraiser; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Oxford and Ms. Williams were honored as part of "VOICES: One voice can lead to a chorus for change", a program sponsored by Charming Shoppes Inc., and the Montel Williams Show, which recognizes people who work to make a difference in their community; and

WHEREAS, The Yellow Ribbon Campaign received \$20,000 from VOICES to help the group pay for postage for the care packages; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Amy Oxford and Kathy Williams on receiving the VOICES award, and we thank them for creating and maintaining the Yellow Ribbon Campaign with its tireless support of the men and women who bravely defend our freedom overseas; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Ms. Oxford and Ms. Williams as an expression of our gratitude for the service they are providing.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 804

Offered by Representative Biggins:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death in Iraq of U.S. Army Private Christopher M. Alcozer of Villa Park on Saturday, November 19, 2005; and

WHEREAS, He was a 2003 graduate of Willowbrook High School in Villa Park, where he was a good student, played viola, and was on the wrestling team; he was known to be quiet and likable and had strong ethics; and

WHEREAS, Private Alcozer had enlisted in the U.S. Army in January and had been in Iraq for three months; he was a member of the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team and was part of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska; his team is known as the "Arctic Wolves Brigade"; and

WHEREAS, He had hoped to return to college after his time in the military to study education and music, possibly to become a music teacher; and

WHEREAS, Earlier in the year, he had proposed to his fiancée when he was on leave from Iraq; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of U.S. Army Private Christopher M. Alcozer, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Private Alcozer and his willingness to serve his country, which led to him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to his family as an expression of our sincerest condolences.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 805

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, On June 16, 1775, Horatio Gates was appointed as the first Adjutant General (AG); as a result, the AG Corps became the second oldest branch of the U.S. Army; Mr. Gates served as key advisor and principal assistant to General Washington; and

WHEREAS, Since World War II, the Adjutant General's Corps has been combat tested on several far-flung battlefields such as Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf War (Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm), and, most recently, in the Global War on Terrorism; and

WHEREAS, While serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Fort Benning, Georgia, Kuwait, and Iraq, the soldiers from the 347th AG Replacement Battalion, the 735th and 825th Replacement Companies, and the 993rd AG Company Postal have completed this task in an expedient and professional manner; and

WHEREAS, The following soldiers were assigned to the 993rd AG Company Postal and spent 13 months in Iraq working postal operations: 1SG Donald W. Simpson, 1LT Gerald Thornhill, SGT Dawn A. Wilkerson, CPT Lloyd L. Williams, SPC Mary M. Alberico, SSG William B. Ashmore, SSG Mark B. Campbell, SGT Jeremy D. Childers, SGT David W. Doerner, SGT Johnathon E. Dryden, SGT Carrie N. Goldstein, SPC James L. Johnson, SSG Kevin D. Kline, SPC John J. Kranawetter, SPC Amanda L. Lempera, SFC Russell L. Nicks, SSG Brandt P. Patterson, SGT Brandon P. Poracky, SFC Clay E. Swanner, and SPC Dale F. Shaw; and

WHEREAS, The following soldiers were assigned to the 847th Personnel Service Battalion in Kuwait for one year processing replacements and controlling soldiers going during their Rest and Relaxation Leave: SFC Roy W. Tolbert, SFC Larry W. Morgan, SFC Charles C. Hutchison, SFC Tracy R. South, CSM George J. Pizanowski, III, WOC Danny L. Chester, SFC Robert Przygoda, SSG Gary W. Childers, SGT Brandon J. Jones, SGT Eric W. Dungan, SGT Sakou Locke, SGT Donald L. Yakstis II, SGT James C. Hayes, SPC Aaron D. Irvin, and SPC Tommy L. Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, The following soldiers assigned to the 735th Replacement Company were deployed to Ft. Benning, Georgia, working at the Conus Replacement Center processing replacement soldiers to the theater of operation from January 2004 to December 2004: SPC Benjamin Thomson, SSG Daniel R. Johnson, SSG Robert E. Plank, SGT Kimberly S. Geppert, SGT Brad Rhodes, SGT Todd M. Werdebaugh, CPL Stephen N. Harris, SPC Matthew Williams, CPT James Hess, 1SG James Alexander, SFC Mitchell Graves, SFC Dale Reamy, SFC Douglas Fisher, SFC Bradley Smith, SSG Stephen King, SSG Benjamin Tobin, SGT Trevor Wilkerson, SPC Nathaniel Anderson, SPC Justin Etheridge, SPC Brett Madeker, SPC Oscar Rodgers, SPC Angelina Ruffino, and SSG Thomas Evans; and

WHEREAS, The following soldiers assigned to the 825th Replacement Company were deployed to Ft. Benning, Georgia, working at the Conus Replacement Center processing replacement soldiers to the theater of operation from February of 2003 to January of 2004: SSG Amy Nicole Diesen, SSG Trevor Chitwood, SSG Rickey Hill, SSG Benton T. Willis, MAJ Edgardo R. Pimentel, and SSG Timothy D. Schenk; and

WHEREAS, The following soldiers were in Bosnia serving in the peace keeping mission for a period of one year: SGT Justin W. Hodges and SSG Jeffrey W. McIntosh; and

WHEREAS, The following soldiers were assigned to various units and were deployed overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom: SPC Jonathon A. Sexton, SGT Christopher N. Jones, SPC Gabriel S. Morris, SPC Jeremy S. Legrand, SPC Richard D. Gregory, CPT Eric D. Charles, SPC Johanna L. Meyers, SPC Danny R. Martin, Jr., SPC Pualani Mt Jones, LTC Carol A. Laage, 1SG Mark A. Cherry, PFC Thomas J. Finley, SPC Joseph Gilliam, SPC Michael Lochard, SPC Miguel Lopez, SGT Jaclyn Burford, and MSG Awilda Moyet; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate these brave and courageous individuals as they are honored at the "Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen Award Ceremony" on January 7, 2006, in Mt. Vernon, and we thank them for their devotion to our country and willingness to bravely serve and defend the freedom of people everywhere; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to each of the brave soldiers listed above and to the 347th Replacement Battalion as a sign of our deepest gratitude for a job well done.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 807

Offered by Representative Reis:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois wish to congratulate the Newton Community High School Eagles on their outstanding and memorable 2005 football season; and

WHEREAS, The Newton Eagles finished the season with an impressive 12-2 record that culminated in their fourth Apollo Conference title in the last eight years and their first-ever Illinois High School Association (IHSA) State Championship game played on Friday November 25, 2005, at Memorial Stadium on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and

WHEREAS, The Newton Eagles ended the season as Class 4A runners-up after defeating the Effingham Flaming Hearts, Breese Central Cougars, Anna-Jonesboro Wildcats, and the Mahomet-Seymour Bulldogs to advance to the championship game; and

WHEREAS, The Newton Eagles were led by head coach Bob Horst; assistant coaches Jason Fulton, Doug Mammoser, Kent Schafer, Todd Short, John Stone, and Andy Underwood; and team trainers Jim Nave and Michael Parker; and

WHEREAS, Coach Horst, who has been inducted into the Illinois Football Coaches Hall of Fame and is the winningest coach in NCHS history, was named the 2005 Apollo Conference Coach of the Year for the fourth time in his career; and

WHEREAS, The Eagles had ten players named All Conference: Clay Britton, Stephen Frichtl, William Hoffeditz, Doug Klier, Alex Koebele, Patrick Mendenhall, Kyle Pittman, Trevor Scott, Jake Semple, and Levi Richards; and

WHEREAS, Levi Richards and Jake Semple were named All State; and

WHEREAS, Doug Klier, Levi Richards, Jake Semple, and William Hoffeditz were named Academic All State; and

WHEREAS, The Newton Eagles football team was rounded out with Shawn Manning, Eric Mammoser, Nick Mammoser, Adam French, Will May, Matt O'Dell, Mitch Addis, Ryan Britton, Cody Drake, Sean Martin, Brian Bierman, Eric Schackmann, Mark Semple, Joe Cummins, Reid Ackerman, Eric Calvert, Chris Houser, Joe Frichtl, Nathan Kistner, Jordan Pitcher, Clay Curtright, Reuben Stence, Tyler Schackmann, Seth Slunaker, Brian Fehrenbacher, Austin Wyatt, Kyle Bergbower, Joe Stephenson, Trevor Gray, Ryan Probst, Daniel Lewis, Michael Benefiel, Cody Allen, Doug Brooks, Todd Bierman, Brandon Collins, Adam Schafer, Corey Hahn, and Levi Ashcraft; and

WHEREAS, The team managers consisted of Joe Fehrenbacher, Austin Hunsaker, Scott Mammoser, Ty May, Connor Niebrugge, Mark O'Dell, Jared Wagner, and Gabe Fulton; and

WHEREAS, The Eagles' success came as a result of a true team effort; they played with intensity, excelled in the fundamentals of the game, and above all, were well coached and well disciplined; and

WHEREAS, The team's season was outstanding, and the players were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, and the entire community as they made all of Jasper County proud; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Coach Bob Horst and the entire Newton Community High School Eagles football team on their tremendous accomplishments during the 2005 season and their runner-up finish in the IHSA Class 4A State Football Championship game; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Superintendent Wayne Savageau, Principal Ron Alburtus, Athletic Director Mike Hartrich, Coach Bob Horst, and the entire Newton Eagles State runner-up football team as an expression of our esteem with best wishes for continued success in the future.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 808

Offered by Representative Black:

WHEREAS, By the middle of January of 2006, a familiar face in the Statehouse will take a long-deserved break and his voice will be missing from the airwaves; Ben Kiningham, Springfield Bureau Chief for the Illinois Radio Network, has announced his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kiningham was born in Fort Riley, Kansas, in 1942; he graduated from Springfield High School in 1960 and attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, where he studied radio-TV and started his broadcasting career as a volunteer at WSIU; and

WHEREAS, He enlisted in the military in late 1964, serving in the Illinois Air National Guard; some



years later, he served as public affairs staff officer for the 183rd Tactical Fighter Group; he retired from the 183rd with the rank of lieutenant colonel after 22 years in the military; and

WHEREAS, He began his broadcast career in Springfield at WTAX, where he was hired on January 24, 1966; since 1974, when he succeeded Bill Miller as Statehouse Bureau Chief for the Capital Information Bureau, he has kept radio listeners apprised of developments in Illinois government and politics; and

WHEREAS, He is past president of the Illinois News Broadcasters Association (INBA) and the Illinois Legislative Correspondents Association; he received a lifetime achievement award from the INBA and has received several news awards from media organizations, including the AP, UPI, and the National Association of State Radio Networks; in 2004, he was named alumnus of the year by the radio-television department at SIU-C; and

WHEREAS, His affiliations stretch to the private sector, and he is a past chair of the American Lung Association Christmas Seal campaign downstate and a former elder in Central Presbyterian Church in Petersburg; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kiningham has spent more than 10 years hosting "CapitolView with Ben Kiningham", a public affairs program, with a panel of reporters discussing the latest political events in the State; and

WHEREAS, During his retirement, he plans to stay active in his hobbies of amateur radio and photography, and he and his wife, Beth, hope to travel, including visits to their children in Wisconsin and Arizona; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that on the occasion of his retirement, we congratulate Mr. Ben Kiningham, who has exemplified the highest ideals of journalism and community responsibility and whose voice will truly be missed; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Kiningham with our sincerest best wishes for his future.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 809

Offered by Representative Miller:

WHEREAS, In 2006, the Lansing Public Library celebrates 70 years of operation; and

WHEREAS, The Lansing Library started in an office above the old Lansing Bank in the village's downtown area; by 1938, the library had moved to the old pump house across from the Village Hall; the current building at 2750 Indiana Avenue has been home to the library since 1976; and

WHEREAS, To commemorate the library's 70 years, the library will hold 70 special events throughout the year; the celebration began with the Friends of Lansing Library book sale; and

WHEREAS, There will be programs for all ages and existing programs will be incorporated into the anniversary; there will be about five celebratory events each month, including historical scrapbooks and posters as well as trivia questions; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the Lansing Public Library on the occasion of its 70th anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Lansing Public Library as an expression of our esteem.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 810

Offered by Representative Currie:

WHEREAS, The month of January, 2006, will mark the fifth time this State and the rest of the nation has chosen to call special attention to the unique benefits that can occur when adults give extra time and energy to helping America's youth; and

WHEREAS, This new tradition has been designated as National Mentoring Month; and

WHEREAS, This observance was inaugurated by the Harvard School of Public Health and actively initiated by groups like Big Brothers Big Sisters; and

WHEREAS, In Illinois, the public observance has been spearheaded by many other groups including

Girls Clubs of Chicago, Casa Central, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services, Community Resource Network, Horizons for Youth, Jewish Children Bureau, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, New Concepts-Tutor Mentor Connection, and Uhlich Children's Advantage Network; and

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month will be highlighted on January 25th when all Illinoisans are asked to participate in "Thank Your Mentor Day" by personally thanking their mentors, committing to mentor a young person, and writing a tribute to their mentor at [www.WhoMentoredYou.org](http://www.WhoMentoredYou.org); therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we salute the outstanding contributions by the proponents of National Mentoring Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent to the National Mentoring Month coordinating committee.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 811

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Earl Struck, President and CEO of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC), is retiring after 27 years with the Association; and

WHEREAS, In his position as President and CEO, Mr. Struck directed a staff of professional and support personnel that provide specialized utility service to the 24 not-for-profit electric distribution cooperatives and two generation and transmission cooperatives operating in Illinois; with more than 54,117 miles of line, the Association's members provide electric service to more than 600,000 Illinoisans, located in 86 Illinois counties; and

WHEREAS, Before assuming responsibilities as the Association's CEO, he was responsible for directing the governmental affairs program for Illinois electric cooperatives at the state and national level; prior to joining the AIEC, he served on the legislative staff of the Illinois Farm Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Struck is well-known in the State House and is a former Speaker of the Illinois Third House, the organization of all Illinois lobbyists; he has served on a variety of national electric cooperative committees and task forces, as well as several advisory committees to the Illinois General Assembly; he and his wife Sherry reside in Springfield; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Earl Struck on the occasion of his retirement as President and CEO of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC); and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Earl Struck as an expression of our respect and esteem and with best wishes for a peaceful and relaxing retirement.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 78

Offered by Representative Brauer:

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army of Springfield is rededicating its Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) on July 17, 2005; and

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army ARC is one of 119 Centers operated by The Salvation Army across the United States; and

WHEREAS, This Center was established in August of 1951 and will celebrate 54 years of service to Central Illinois this year; and

WHEREAS, The facility currently provides service for up to 84 men and employs 92 individuals; and

WHEREAS, The services that are provided include housing, clothing, food, counseling, education, work ethic development, socialization skills training, spiritual guidance, vocational development, and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, The facility also provides a transitional housing program so that an individual can make a smooth transition back into society; and

WHEREAS, Last year, the ARC assisted over three hundred individuals; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL

ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we recognize the rededication of The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center and express our utmost appreciation for the services and support its provides to those in need; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center as an expression of our admiration and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 799, 800, 802, 803, 804, 805, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811 and HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 78 were taken up for consideration.

Representative Currie moved the adoption of the agreed resolutions.

The motion prevailed and the Agreed Resolutions were adopted.

### MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by

Ms. Hawker, Secretary:

Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has adopted the following Senate Joint Resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives, to-wit:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 58

**RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN**, that when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, January 12, 2006, they stand adjourned until Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 11:30 o'clock a.m.

Adopted by the Senate, January 12, 2006.

Linda Hawker, Secretary of the Senate

The foregoing message from the Senate reporting their adoption of SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 58 was taken up for immediate consideration.

Representative Currie moved the adoption of the resolution.

The motion prevailed and SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 58 was adopted.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate.

At the hour of 3:47 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Wednesday, January 18, 2006, at 11:30 o'clock a.m.

The motion prevailed.

And the House stood adjourned.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
NINETY-FOURTH  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE ROLL CALL  
QUORUM ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

January 12, 2006

0 YEAS

0 NAYS

113 PRESENT

P Acevedo	P Dugan	P Krause	P Pritchard
P Bassi	P Dunkin	P Lang	P Ramey
P Beaubien	P Dunn	P Leitch	P Reis
P Beiser	P Durkin	P Lindner	P Reitz
P Bellock	P Eddy	P Lyons, Joseph	P Rita
P Berrios	P Feigenholtz	P Mathias	P Rose
P Biggins	P Flider	P Mautino	P Ryg
P Black	P Flowers	P May	P Sacia
P Boland	P Franks	P McAuliffe	P Saviano
P Bost	E Fritchey	P McCarthy	P Schmitz
P Bradley, John	P Froehlich	P McGuire	P Schock
P Bradley, Richard	P Giles	P McKeon	E Scully
P Brady	P Golar	P Mendoza	P Smith
P Brauer	P Gordon	P Meyer	P Sommer
P Brosnahan	P Graham	P Miller	P Soto
P Burke	P Granberg	P Mitchell, Bill	P Stephens
P Chapa LaVia	P Hamos	P Mitchell, Jerry	P Sullivan
P Chavez	P Hannig	P Moffitt	P Tenhouse
P Churchill	P Hassert	P Molaro	P Tryon
P Collins	P Hoffman	P Mulligan	P Turner
P Colvin	P Holbrook	P Munson	P Verschoore
P Coulson	P Howard	P Myers	P Wait
P Cross	P Hultgren	P Nekritz	P Washington
P Cultra	P Jakobsson	P Osmond	P Watson
P Currie	P Jefferson	P Osterman	P Winters
P D'Amico	P Jenisch	P Parke	P Yarbrough
P Daniels	P Jones	E Patterson	P Younge
P Davis, Monique	E Joyce	P Phelps	A Mr. Speaker
P Davis, William	P Kelly	P Pihos	
P Delgado	P Kosel	P Poe	

E - Denotes Excused Absence